## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# **Sherburne**

National Wildlife Refuge Bird Checklist



The "Blue Goose" symbolizes the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of over 567 refuges protected and managed for wildlife, habitat, and people.

#### Welcome to Sherburne

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge contains over 30,700 acres of oak savanna and wetland habitats that offer excellent birding opportunities throughout spring, summer, and fall on the Prairie's Edge Wildlife Drive, and the Mahnomen, Blue Hill, and Oak Savanna Learning Center hiking trails.

Along the Wildlife Drive, you will find a variety of habitats and their associated birds. In wetlands, shorebirds frequent the pool edges and migrating waterfowl are plentiful in the spring and fall. Nesting wetland birds remain through the summer season. Migrating and resident birds associated with woodland edges can be observed in scattered patches of trees and on the Woodland Trail. Fields of native prairie grasses and wildflowers provide habitat and viewing opportunities for grassland birds.

The habitats along the Mahnomen and Blue Hill hiking trails are mostly upland with scattered wetlands. The Oak Savanna Learning Center hiking trails provide shorter loops that traverse a variety of habitats, including upland, savanna, deciduous forest, and wetland. Grassland birds, such as Eastern Meadowlark, Grasshopper, and Savanna Sparrows may be seen, as well as species associated with woodland and savanna, such as Scarlet Tanager and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Blue Hill rises nearly 100 feet above its flat surroundings and offers excellent viewing for spring migrants.

You are invited to share the refuge with the birds.

Please respect their needs and their habitat. Take only memories.

Leave only footprints.



National Wildlife Refuges provide important habitat for migratory birds, such as waterfowl, along their journey to and from nesting grounds. This bird list contains 233 species recorded on the refuge, followed by 31 species listed as "Casual Birds" which are not expected to be present. Symbols used are as follows:

#### Season

Sp	Spring	. March-May
S	Summer	.June-July

F Fall ......August-November
W Winter .....December-February

Note: Shorebird fall migration starts in the summer period as defined here.

#### **Status**

- **c Common:** almost certain to be seen or heard in suitable habitat.
- **Uncommon:** present, but may not be seen.
- **o** Occasional: seen only a few times during a season.
- r Rare: seen at irregular intervals.
- \* Nest on the refuge.



All species names and taxonomic Orders follow the American Ornithologists' Union *Check-list of North American Birds*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition and supplements. Last update: September 2010.

Greater White-fronted Goose	WATERFOWL	Sp	S	F	W
Snow Goose	Greater White-fronted Goose	o	r	o	
Ross's Goose		0		u	r
Canada Goose*		r			
Trumpeter Swan*		c	c	c	c
Tundra Swan		c	c	c	c
Gadwall c c r c r c American Wigeon c r c r c American Wigeon c r c r c American Black Duck r r r r Mallard* c c c c c c c o Blue-winged Teal* c c c c c c Northern Shoveler c o u Northern Pintail u r u Green-winged Teal* c o c c c C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C		o		o	r
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Green-winged Teal*		c	0	u	
Canvasback r r r r Redhead o r o Ring-necked Duck* c u c r Greater Scaup u o Lesser Scaup u r u Bufflehead c r u U c r Gommon Goldeneye u u r u r u Hooded Merganser* c u c r Common Merganser c o r Red-breasted Merganser u r Ruddy Duck o r o CALLINACEOUS BIRDS  Ring-necked Pheasant* u u u u u Ruffed Grouse* u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u	Northern Pintail	u	r	u	
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Red-breasted Merganser	Hooded Merganser*	c	u	c	r
Ruddy Duck	Common Merganser	c		o	r
GALLINACEOUS BIRDS          Ring-necked Pheasant*        uuuuuuuuu	Red-breasted Merganser	u		r	
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Ruffed Grouse*					
Wild Turkey*         c         c         c         c         c         c         c         c         c         c         c         u         C         C         u         C         C         u         C         C         u         C <t< td=""><td></td><td>u</td><td>u</td><td>u</td><td>u</td></t<>		u	u	u	u
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	American White Pelican		u	-	

	Sp	S	F	W
WADING BIRDS	-			
American Bittern*	u	u	u	
Least Bittern*	u	u	u	
Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	O
Great Egret	u	u	c	
Green Heron*	c	c	c	
Black-crowned Night-Heron*	r	r	r	
DIURNAL RAPTORS				
Turkey Vulture	c	c	u	
Osprey*	o	o	o	
Bald Eagle*	c	c	c	c
Northern Harrier*	c	u	c	o
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	u	u	c	o
Cooper's Hawk*	c	u	c	r
Northern Goshawk			r	r
Red-shouldered Hawk	c	u	o	u
Broad-winged Hawk*	o	o	o	
Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	u
Rough-legged Hawk	u		u	u
Golden Eagle	r			r
CRANES and ALLIES				
Virginia Rail*	u	u	u	
Sora*	c	u	u	
Common Gallinule*	u	u	u	
American Coot*	c	u	c	r
Sandhill Crane*	c	c	c	r
SHOREBIRDS and GULLS Black-bellied Plover				
American Golden-Plover	r		r	
Semipalmated Plover	r		r	
			r	
Killdeer*	c	c	c	
Spotted Sandpiper*	С	c	c	r
Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	c	
Greater Yellowlegs	c	0	c	
Lesser Yellowlegs	c	0	c	
Upland Sandpiper*		r		
Sanderling	r		r	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	0	u	
Least Sandpiper	u	0	u	
White-rumped Sandpiper	u	0	r	
Baird's Sandpiper	0	0	0	
Pectoral Sandpiper	u	0	u	
Dunlin	O		0	

	Sp	S	F	W		Sp	S	F	W
SHOREBIRDS and GULLS	- 1	_	-		WOODPECKERS	- 1-	_	_	
Stilt Sandpiper	r		r		Hairy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Short-billed Dowitcher	r	r			Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	o
Long-billed Dowitcher	r		r		Pileated Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
Wilson's Snipe*	c	u	c	r					
American Woodcock*	u	u	u		FALCONS				
Wilson's Phalarope	r		r		American Kestrel*	c	u	c	r
Bonaparte's Gull	r		r		Merlin	o	r	0	r
Franklin's Gull	0		0		Peregrine Falcon		0	0	
Ring-billed Gull	c	u	c	r	Prairie Falcon			r	
Herring Gull		r	u	r		•		-	
Caspian Tern			0	1	PERCHING BIRDS - Flycatchers				
Black Tern*	c	o c	c		Olive-sided Flycatcher	u	u	0	
Forster's Tern	-		-		Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	0	
FOISIEI S TEIII	u	0	0		Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r		r	
DOVES					Alder Flycatcher*	u	u	0	
DOVES			_		Willow Flycatcher*			0	
Rock Pigeon		0	0	0	Least Flycatcher*	u	u	c	
Mourning Dove*	C	c	c	0	Eastern Phoebe*		c		
CHCKOOS							c	c	
CUCKOOS  Yellow-billed Cuckoo*		_	_		Great Crested Flycatcher*		c	u	
		0	0		Western Kingbird		r		
Black-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u		Eastern Kingbird*	С	c	c	
OWLS					Shrikes				
Eastern Screech-Owl*	0	0	o	r	Loggerhead Shrike	r	r	r	r
Great Horned Owl*		c	c	c	Northern Shrike		•	0	u
Barred Owl*		u	u	u		O		U	u
Long-eared Owl		r	r	и	Vireos				
Short-eared Owl	r	r	r	r	Yellow-throated Vireo*	c	c	c	
Northern Saw-whet Owl		1		r	Blue-headed Vireo	u	·	u	
Normen saw-whet Owi	U		0	1	Warbling Vireo*	c	c	0	
GOATSUCKERS					Philadelphia Vireo		C	0	
Common Nighthawk*			.,		Red-eyed Vireo*	0	0	c	
Eastern Whip-poor-will*		u	u		Red-eyed vireo ·	С	С	C	
Lastern winp-poor-win	u	u	0		Jays and Crows				
SWIFTS and HUMMINGBIRDS					Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
Chimney Swift	0	0	0		American Crow*		c	c	C
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*					Common Raven				
Kuby-unbated Huminingbird*	u	u	u		Common Raven	c	u	С	u
KINGFISHERS					Larks				
Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	r	Horned Lark*	c	u	u	c
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WOODPECKERS					Swallows				
Red-headed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	O	Purple Martin	o	o	0	
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	u	Tree Swallow*	c	c	c	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*	c	u	c	r	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	u	0	
Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	Bank Swallow*	u	u	0	
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Swallows Cliff Swallow*	0	0	0	
Barn Swallow*	c c	c c	c c	
Bain Swanow	C	C	C	
Chickadees				
Black-capped Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
Nuthatches				
Red-breasted Nuthatch*	c	u	c	c
White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c
Creepers				
Brown Creeper	С	0	c	u
Wrens				
House Wren*	c	c	c	
Winter Wren	u	r	c	
Sedge Wren*	c	c	c	
Marsh Wren*	c	c	c	
Gnatcatchers				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	0	
Kinglets				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	o	c	o
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	r
Thrushes				
Eastern Bluebird*	С	c	c	r
Veery*	u	c	u	
Swainson's Thrush	u u	r	o u	
Hermit Thrush	c	1	u	r
Wood Thrush*	0	0	u	1
American Robin*	c	c	c	o
Mimics				
Gray Catbird*	c	c	c	
Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	r
Starlings and Pipits				
European Starling*	c	c	c	u
Waxwings				
Cedar Waxwing*	c	c	c	u
Bohemian Waxwing	0	0	o	r

Longonure and Puntings	Sp	S	F	W	
Lapland Longspur	r		r	r	
Snow Bunting	0		0	u	
Show Building	Ü			и	
Wood Warblers					
Ovenbird*	u	u	u		
Northern Waterthrush	u		u		
Golden-winged Warbler*	c	u	c		
Blue-winged Warbler*	c	u	c		
Black-and-White Warbler*	c	u	c		
Tennessee Warbler	c	r	c		
Orange-crowned Warbler	u		o		
Nashville Warbler	c	o	c		
Connecticut Warbler	o		o		
Mourning Warbler	u	u	u		
Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c		
Hooded Warbler	o	o	r		
American Redstart*	c	c	u		
Cape May Warbler	u		u		
Cerulean Warbler	o	r	r		
Northern Parula	u		o		
Magnolia Warbler	u		u		
Bay-breasted Warbler	u		u		
Blackburnian Warbler	u	r	u		
Yellow Warbler*	c	c	c		
Chestnut-sided Warbler*	c	c	c		
Blackpoll Warbler	u		u		
Palm Warbler	c		c		
Pine Warbler	o	r	r		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	r	c	r	
Black-throated Green Warbler	u	r	o		
Canada Warbler	u	r	u		
Wilson's Warbler	u		u		
20.0000000					
Sparrows Eastern Towhee*					
	c	c	c		
American Tree Sparrow	c		c	c	
	c	c	c	r	
Clay-colored Sparrow*	u	u	u		
Field Sparrow*	c	c	С	r	
Vesper Sparrow*	c	c	С		
Lark Sparrow*	c	c	u		
Savannah Sparrow*	c	u	u		
Grasshopper Sparrow*	c	c	c		
Henslow's Sparrow	0	u	r		
LeConte's Sparrow	0	0	0		

	Sp	S	F	W
Sparrows				
Fox Sparrow	u		u	r
Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	0
Lincoln's Sparrow	u		c	
Swamp Sparrow*	c	c	c	r
White-throated Sparrow	c	r	c	0
Harris's Sparrow	u		u	r
White-crowned Sparrow	u	r	u	r
Dark-eyed Junco	c	r	c	c
Tanagers				
Scarlet Tanager*	c	c	c	
Grosbeaks				
Northern Cardinal*	u	u	u	u
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	c	c	c	r
Indigo Bunting*	c	c	u	-
Dickcissel*	0	0	r	
Blackbirds				
Bobolink	o	O	r	
Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	0
Eastern Meadowlark*	c	c	c	
Western Meadowlark*	u	O	O	O
Yellow-headed Blackbird*	c	c	O	
Rusty Blackbird	u		u	O
Brewer's Blackbird*	u	u	u	r
Common Grackle*	c	c	c	r
Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	u	
Orchard Oriole*	u	c	o	
Baltimore Oriole*	c	c	c	
Finches				
Purple Finch	u	0	c	u
House Finch*	c	u	c	0
Red Crossbill	0	и	0	0
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White-winged Crossbill	0		u	u
Common Redpoll	0			0
	0		u	u
American Goldfinch*	С	c	c	c
Evening Grosbeak	r		r	r
Old World Sparrows				
House Sparrow*	r	r	r	r

## List of Casual Birds and First Year Recored in Refuge History – 1965 to the present

Ross's Goose, 2012	Snowy Owl
Cackling Goose, 2011	Northern Hawk Owl, 1991
Mute Swan, 2005	Great Gray Owl, 1996
Western Grebe	Boreal Owl, 1996
Snowy Egret, 1992	Prairie Falcon
Little Blue Heron	Acadian Flycatcher
White-faced Ibis	Blackbilled Magpie
Swainson's Hawk	Varied Thrush
Whooping Crane, 2018	American Pipit
Piping Plover, 2011	Prothonotary Warbler
American Avocet	Yellow-breasted Chat
Willet	Summer Tanager, 2006
Ruddy Turnstone	Pine Grosbeak
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Lark Bunting
Least Tern	Hoary Redpoll

Please share your interesting sightings with staff and on eBird. Check the refuge website's "Recent Sightings" page to see what has been reported recently!

### **FIELD NOTES**

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Date:
Number of Species:
Time Afield:
Observers:
Weather:
Remark:

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